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SUBJECT : WATER RESOURCES STUDY FOR ABU DHABI

AID PASS BUREC

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1. SHURAFU IS NOW BACK FROM PAKISTAN, AND WE HAVE DISCUSSED AID'S HELPFUL RESPONSE IN REFTEL WITH HIM. HE THINKS IT MAKES SENSE, AS DO WE, FOR THIS PROJECT TO BE CARRIED OUT UNDER SAME AUSPICES AND IN CONJUNCTION WITH MOUNTAIN RUN-OFF PROJECT, PARTICULARLY IF THIS WOULD MEAN SUBSTANTIAL SAVINGS FOR ABU DHABI GOVERNMENT. HE NEEDS ASSURANCE OF FAST ACTION IN CONCLUDING PROJECT AGREEMENT, HOWEVER, BOTH BECAUSE SHAIKH ZAYID WANTS TO HEAR THAT PROJECT IS UNDERWAY AND ALSO BECAUSE HE FEELS OBLIGATION TO INFORM BRITISH FIRM ONE WAY OR ANOTHER IN NEAR FUTURE.

2. WE FULLY AGREE WITH REFTEL THAT WE SHOULD NOT HOLD UP TA AGREEMENT FOR WATER AUGMENTATION STUDY IN ORDER INTEGRATE POSSIBLE NEW PROJECT. AT SAME TIME, WHILE HANDLING THESE TWO EFFORTS UNDER SEPARATE PROJECT HEADINGS, WE ASSUME MAXIMUM BENEFIT CAN BE GIVEN TO ADG IN TERMS OF COST SAVINGS FOR PERSONNEL THAT CAN BE USED FOR BOTH PROJECTS AS WELL AS OTHER AREAS IN WHICH PROJECTS OVERLAP. ON WATER AUGMENTATION PROJECT, SHERAFU AGAIN ASSURES US THAT ADG WILL REIMBURSE USG FOR ANY EXPENSES UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO COMPLETION PROJECT AGREEMENT. HE APPRECIATES ACTION TAKEN BY WASHINGTON OFFICERS TO GET EXPERTS OUT HERE PROMPTLY. ARE TWO TDY EXPERTS STILL DUE HERE

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3. ON WATER RESOURCES STUDY, SHURAFU SAYS ADG IS DEFINITELY INTERESTED AND REQUESTS US TO PROCEED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE WITH PREPARATION OF PROPOSAL AND COST ESTIMATES. WE BELIEVE APG INTEGRATED PROPOSAL, ALTHOUGH COSTING A LOT, HAS CONSIDERABLE MERIT IN ADG EYES OF GETTING ON WITH PROJECT EXPEDITIOUSLY. TO SUMMARIZE, APG PROPOSES TO COMPLETE WITHIN THREE MONTHS (A) COLLATION OF ALL EXISTING DATA, INCLUDING INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO OIL COMPANIES AS WELL AS PREVIOUS WATER SURVEYS AND (B) ACTION PLAN FOR DRILLING TO COMPLETE COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY ABU DHABI WATER RESOURCES. WHILE WE OBVIOUSLY DO NOT NEED TO EMULATE APG INTEGRATED PROJECT IN ALL RESPECTS, BELIEVE WE NEED TO DESIGN PROJECT THAT SIMILARLY REDUCES DELAYS TO MINIMUM. WHILE MORE DETAILED FORMULATION OF PROJECT CAN TAKE LONGER, WE NEED INFORM SHURAFU NEXT FEW DAYS WHETHER USG CAN PRODUCE ROUGHLY SAME RESULTS AS APG INTEGRATED PROJECT IN COMPARABLE TIME FRAME, AND WHAT APPROXIMATE COST WOULD BE.

4. FOLLOWING RECEIPT THIS INFORMATION, AND SHURAFU'S INDICATION ADG WISHES PROCEED, WE WONDER IF TDY SPECIALISTS ABOUT TO ARRIVE FOR AUGMENTATION STUDY WOULD NOT BE IN BEST POSITION TO LOCATE AND STUDY PREVIOUS WATER SURVEYS, IN OTHER WORDS, CARRY OUT INITIAL STEP DESCRIBED STATE 151038 WHICH WAS TO HAVE BEEN PERFORMED IN DENVER. TO LOCATE THOSE DOCUMENTS AS WELL AS OTHER MATERIAL PERTINENT TO PROJECT WILL PROBABLY REQUIRE EXPERT BEING ON SPOT HERE AND WORKING CLOSELY WITH ABU DHABI OFFICIALS. WE COULD SEEK SHURAFU'S AGREEMENT AND ASSURANCE OF REIMBURSEMENT FOR DIVERSION OF CERTAIN NUMBER OF MAN-HOURS OF THERE EXPERTS TO WATER SURVEY PROJECT, IN SAME MANNER THAT WE HAVE DONE WITHIN AUGMENTATION AGREEMENT TO GET EXPERTS HERE EXPEDITIOUSLY.  
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